

PARK COMMITTEE MEETING
December 4, 2012
Minutes

Call Meeting to Order

Vice-Chairman Scott Ferguson called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Members Present

John Flynn, Patrick Regan, Jim Elvestrom, Leslie Gustafson, Scott Ferguson, and City Administrator Dana Young

Members Absent

Cindy Webster

October 2, 2012 Minutes

The Committee approved the October 2, 2012 minutes on a motion by Leslie Gustafson, seconded by Jim Elvestrom. Motion carried 4-0.

Matters from the Floor

There were no Matters from the Floor this evening.

Park Reports

Committee members provided their monthly park reports:

Jim Elvestrom noted that he witnessed the boy's basketball team practicing at the Thorpe basketball court.

John Flynn enters at 7:05 p.m.

Closing of Linwood Beach (Jane Brattain Request)

The Committee reviewed a letter from Jane & Don Brattain, 3905 Walden Shores Road, requesting the vacating of the easement to Linwood Beach, historical information on the origin of the easement, and a survey showing the easement area.

Dana Young stated that the purpose of tonight's meeting is to enable the Park Committee to review the historical information pertaining to the easement and to request any additional information that members might think is useful in reviewing this request.

He stated that after reviewing the historical record dating back to June 7, 1978, Frank Griswold submitted a plat to the City Council that would eliminate what more than likely was a fire lane leading down to Linwood Beach. At the next Council meeting, 31 residents appeared to object to the removal of what was considered city property leading to the lake. Over the next 18 months, negotiations were held with Frank Griswold to establish an easement to the lake, finally culminating in the existing easement that was approved on November 7, 1979.

Scott Ferguson stated that he didn't have a lot of empathy for the property owners because they knew about the easement prior to their purchase of the property and many other property owners still pay property taxes on easements that they might have with Xcel Energy.

Patrick Regan stated that it is the provision of public access to the lake that really sets Deephaven apart from other communities.

Further discussion on this request will be held on January 8, 2013 after the Committee has the opportunity to review the historical information and the Brattain's can be in attendance to more fully discuss their request.

Warming House Amenities (Scott Ferguson)

Dana Young provided a review of the improvements that had been undertaken by the public works crew in response to the list of comments and recommendations made by Scott Ferguson and John Flynn during their inspection of the skating rinks and warming houses on October 10th.

Alternate Swimming Dock Materials (Scott Ferguson)

Scott Ferguson stated that he provided a number of alternate swimming dock materials for Commission review several weeks ago that described a wide variety of swimming dock materials that could be considered once the Deephaven Beach swimming dock has to be replaced.

Dana Young stated that the Deephaven Beach swimming dock is scheduled for replacement in 2013 and he would like to review the different dock materials with his public works crew before making a final recommendation to the Committee on the dock material preferred by the Public Works Department.

Platform Tennis Court Project / Opening Ceremony

Jim Elvestrom stated that he has been in contact with the American Platform Tennis Association about the progress of the Platform Tennis Court Project and they have agreed to pay the \$10,000 grant to the City of Deephaven. He added that another fundraiser was held about a week ago that raised an additional \$600 for the project. Further discussion was held on the commitment to the Deephaven City Council to raise a total of \$10,000 in donations for this project and plans for holding another platform tournament fundraising event the week prior to the Super Bowl were discussed.

Dana Young provided an update on the progress of the Platform Tennis Court Project. He stated that the crew from Total Platform Tennis left the day before Thanksgiving with the intention to return in the spring. He provided a summary of the items that are still to be completed:

- Two additional stairs – to be constructed by an outside contractor on December 5th
- Overhead lights – electrical contractor will finish the wiring on December 7th
- Painting – the public works crew has already completed the painting of the outside boards
- Court resurfacing – to be completed by the contractor this spring
- Heating units – still waiting on a bid from contractor to install propane to the heating units

Further discussion was held on installing a rules sign and establishing a reservation system for Deephaven residents.

2013 Goals & Objectives

Discussion on 2013 Goals & Objectives was tabled until the next meeting.

Reappoint John Flynn, Cindy Webster & Jim Elvestrom

The Committee recommended the reappointment of John Flynn, Cindy Webster & Jim Elvestrom to three-year terms of office effective until February 2016 on a motion by Patrick Regan, seconded by Leslie Gustafson. Motion carried 5-0.

2013 Chair & Vice-Chair

The Committee recommended the reappointment of John Flynn as 2013 Chair and Scott Ferguson as 2013 Vice-Chair on a motion by Leslie Gustafson, seconded by Patrick Regan. Motion carried 5-0.

Other

John Flynn stated that the City of Minnetonka has two unused shade shelters available for a cost of \$1,000 per shelter. He stated that he was informed that they originally cost \$2,500 apiece. Further discussion was held on their suitability at Thorpe Park and Deephaven Beach. It was the consensus of the Committee that they were better suited at Thorpe Park than at Deephaven Beach.

John Flynn stated that he will contact Minnetonka to inform them that there is definite interest in at least one of the shade shelters but the Committee will need to evaluate a potential site for the shade shelter later this spring.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Patrick Regan, seconded by John Flynn. Motion carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Park Committee will be held on Tuesday, January 8, 2013.